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Withdrawing And Dewatering Slag  
From A Gasification System

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(A)**

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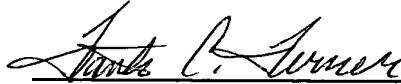
Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully request that the period for responding to the Office Action of November 6, 2002, which was due in the Patent Office on February 6, 2003, be extended for one (1) month, until March 6, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,



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